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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/380,200; Filed: January 30, 1995
For: **New Protein-Polycation Conjugates**
Inventor(s): Birnstiel *et al.*
Our Ref.: 0652.1080001/RWE/LBB

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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. Transmittal Letter (*in duplicate*);
2. Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a);
3. SKG&F Check No. 14824 in the amount of \$770.00 to cover fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a); and
4. Return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

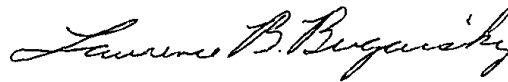
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lawrence B. Bugaisky".

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Sir:

Applicants request that the finality of the final rejection dated December 24, 1996 be withdrawn in view of this timely filed ☒ first, or ☐ second submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a). SKG&F Check No. 19824 is enclosed for payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(r). The present application has an effective pendency of at two years as of June 8, 1995, taking into account any reference of record to any earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 and 365(c). This petition and the fee set forth in § 1.17(r) are being filed prior to the filing of an appeal brief and prior to abandonment of the application. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Final Response and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.116 filed May 27, 1997 and any previously unentered submission be entered.

Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiners' attention that they request an Examiners' Interview to discuss the rejections prior to issuance of the next Office Action.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond that filed on May 27, 1997. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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